

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROBE INTO SUKHOI FIGHTERS DEAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sukhoi fighters deal has been subjected to probe despite various advantages it has over Mirage and MIGs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the various advantages it has over other fighter aircraft alongwith its cost effectiveness as compared to others?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) The SU-30 contract has not been subjected to any specific probe.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The SU-30 is a different class of aircraft from the existing fighters in the Indian Air Force. Its long range and heavy payload provide strategic capability to the Indian Air Force. Selection of the aircraft was made after a joint DRDO - IAF team established its cost effectiveness vis-à-vis other options.